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1. Association of Interbalkan Women's Cooperation Societies

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

The Association of Interbalkan Women's Cooperation Societies is an international organization covering the Balkan countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association, inspired by the aims of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), aspires to disseminate the culture of peace in the Balkan countries.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated at the Second Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Women's Affairs from the Great Lakes Region organized by UNESCO and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development of Kenya in June 2009, and supported the opening of a UNESCO Regional Research and Documentation Centre for Women, Gender and Peacebuilding in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization took part in the following meetings: International Forum on the Social Science — Policy Nexus, Buenos Aires, Córdoba, Rosario and Montevideo (Argentina and Uruguay), February 2006; fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 2006; Meeting of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations transitional Executive Board, Athens, March 2006; Conference on the activities of the United Nations Population Fund, Athens, May 2006; Civil Society Forum to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, Geneva, June-July 2006; World conference on removing barriers to small- and medium-sized enterprise access to international markets, Athens, November 2006; organizational session of the Economic and Social Council, meeting on the themes for the high-level segment of the Council, New York, March 2007; World Congress of the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, Athens, July 2007; 34th General Conference of UNESCO, Paris, October-November 2007; UNESCO International Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, Paris, 2007 and 2009; and 23rd General Assembly of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, Geneva, December 2007.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization, in partnership with UNESCO and the UNESCO Centre for Women and Peace in the Balkan Countries, organized the following activities: regional training seminars on the theme "Social transformations and development of South-East European countries", Thessaloniki, Greece, 2006 and 2008; the International Creative Youth Summer Camp, Khalkidhiki, Greece, 2006-2008; the third festival on "Women creators of the two seas, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea", Thessaloniki, August-September 2006.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

In September 2006, the organization established an office for rural tourism in south-western Albania. The aims of the project were to promote rural development, fight poverty in the seacoast of western Albania and support female entrepreneurial initiatives in the area of rural tourism.

2. Association of Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa (New Zealand)

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand. It provides a Christian voice for women on local and global issues of social justice, advocates for human rights for women, girls and families, represents them on the National Council of Women of New Zealand and has voting rights at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization provided input to the 2006 report of the Government of New Zealand pursuant to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The organization also lobbied the Government of New Zealand to commit 0.7 per cent of its gross national income (GNI) to overseas aid.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization attended the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and distributed the annual reports of the Commission to the personnel of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, relevant

members of Parliament and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in New Zealand.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization provided financial support to "The House of Passage" in Recife, Brazil, which works to meet the needs of young girls and boys living on the streets or in slum areas. In 2006 and 2007, the organization lobbied the Government of New Zealand to allocate 0.7 per cent of its GNI to overseas aid.

Goal 2. The organization provided financial support to Timorese and Filipino Dominican Catholic Sisters in Timor-Leste to run a support and training programme for young people.

Goal 3. The organization provided financial support to a women's support programme in Lauru, Solomon Islands, to empower and educate them while developing their leadership skills.

Goal 6. In 2008, the organization, in conjunction with the Global Mission Department of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, produced a revised HIV/AIDS brochure.

Goal 7. In 2009, the organization held a national conference on the theme of sustainability.

Goal 8. The organization supports the work of Bridgebuilders, a network of support and consultation in the Pacific region. In addition, the organization is a member of Pacific Women's Watch (New Zealand), an organization working towards equality, development and peace in New Zealand and the Pacific.

3. Global Alliance against Traffic in Women

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Global Alliance against Traffic in Women is an alliance of more than 100 NGOs in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and North America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to ensure that the human rights of all migrating women are respected and protected by authorities and agencies.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2006 and 2007, the organization's multi-country research detailed the impact of States' anti-trafficking measures on the human rights of directly affected groups and outlined 11 recommendations to remedy the shortcomings in anti-trafficking

measures. The organization attended all main international forums and events in which trafficking was discussed.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the following activities: community dialogue on migration, development and human rights, New York, 2006; High-level Dialogue on Migration and Development, New York, 2006; second, ninth, tenth and eleventh sessions of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, 2006-2009; third and fourth sessions of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, Vienna, 2006 and 2008; meeting with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and NGO representatives, Vienna, 2007; Vienna Forum of the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Trafficking, 2008; General Assembly thematic debate on human trafficking, New York, 2008; United Nations Institute for Training and Research seminar on trafficking, New York, 2008; meeting with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery and the Special Adviser on Trafficking to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, 2008; eighteenth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna, 2009; first open-ended intergovernmental meeting of experts on possible mechanisms to review implementation of the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime, Vienna, 2009; parallel event on debt bondage at the twelfth session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, 2009; third session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Doha, 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization attended a presentation by the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children and made an intervention on her report at the fourth session of the Human Rights Council.

4. Leadership Watch

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Leadership Watch is an organization with headquarters in Lagos, Nigeria.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is focused on developing leaders who will bring about growth and development, and thus eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development. The organization is committed to the promotion of responsible leadership, working towards the advancement of democracy and good governance. The organization is also involved in: education and development in the area of information and

communications technology; trade and investment; poverty eradication and community development; campaigns for environmental sustainability; and human rights. Leadership Watch organizes yearly leadership lectures aimed at sensitizing Nigerian leaders on their responsibilities towards the citizenry. Topics emanating from the Millennium Development Goals are given priority during these lectures.

B. Significant changes in the organization

In 2008 the organization founded the Emerging Leaders Network, a youth organization committed to the discovery, nurturing and grooming of future leaders who will make the needed difference in Nigeria. The organization is currently promoting the establishment of an emerging leaders' academy in Nigeria, which will groom future leaders once it becomes operational. In partnership with the Nigerian Communications Commission, the organization promotes education and development in the field of information and communications technology.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization participated in the United Nations International Conference on Financing for Development in Doha in 2008. It also participated in the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development in New York in 2009.

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

The organization advocates for the eradication of poverty and campaigns for environmental sustainability. In addition, it creates capacity-building programmes for youth employment.

5. Mauritius Family Planning Association

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Mauritius Family Planning Association was set up in October 1957 by a group of volunteers in the northern village of Piton.

A. Aims and purposes of the organization

The vision of the organization is to strive towards a Mauritian society where every individual enjoys sexual and reproductive health rights and where information and

services are available, accessible and affordable to all, irrespective of sex, age or creed. Its mission is to be a leader and excel in the provision of sexual and reproductive health care and services through advocacy, education, networking, research and training.

B. Any significant change in the organization

The organization has adopted a "one-stop-shop" strategy at its family health centre and provides family planning services, HIV counselling and testing, infertility management, gynaecology, menopause, antenatal and post-natal care, post-abortion care services, treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and screening for reproductive cancers. It also runs a well-man clinic to address male sexual and reproductive health issues. The organization also runs a centre for sexually abused and exploited children and a day care centre and provides outreach services in the community.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

All the activities undertaken by the organization are geared towards reaching the Goals, with an emphasis on sexual and reproductive health and women and youth empowerment.

6. Mennonite Central Committee

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Mennonite Central Committee is a relief, peace and development agency whose constituents are Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches in the United States of America and Canada.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works with local NGOs, churches, communities and governmental organizations to carry out disaster relief, education, sustainable community development and justice-building and peacebuilding work.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

At United Nations Headquarters, the organization's representatives consulted regularly with the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of

Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. It also organized a seminar for students in colleges and universities in the United States and Canada with themes from the United Nations agenda related to the organization's work. The organization was also active in a number of NGO committees, such as the working group on the Security Council.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the annual conferences of the Department of Public Information in New York. It also participated in the Durban Review Conference in Geneva in April 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with United Nations agencies in numerous countries around the world. In Lebanon, in cooperation with UNDP, it supported a summer school on conflict prevention and transformation at the Lebanese American University. It also coordinated its disaster relief work in Aceh and West Sumatra, Indonesia, through United Nations agencies. In Uganda, the organization attended the Karamoja working group meetings; received security briefings on Karamoja from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; and supported an interfaith agency that provides information on security, forced disarmament and early warning systems in northern Karamoja. The organization also provided assistance to the Concerned Parents Association, in cooperation with UNICEF, in supporting the return of internally displaced persons. The organization is a member of the Civil Society Organizations for Peace in Northern Uganda, which advocates for the human rights of returning internally displaced persons and others affected by war, and interacts with United Nations agencies in that capacity.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization delivered $14,165,210 worth of canned meat and food grains in about 20 countries around the world. The organization is a founding member of the United Nations NGO working group on food and hunger. The organization promotes local purchase of relief aid, such as the United Nations "Purchase for progress" initiative, as well as farming programmes that build the capacity of local agriculturalists and provide them with access to markets.

Goal 2. The organization supported education through its Global Family education sponsorship programme, providing school kits and education sponsorships to students around the world. The organization also has a number of its staff on teaching assignments, from English classes in China, Egypt and Honduras to high schools in Zambia.

Goal 6. The organization's strategies for the prevention and reduction of the spread of HIV include working with teens in schools through peer educator training,

supporting HIV/AIDS awareness clubs in high schools, training community and religious leaders and women's groups to provide prevention education, linking vulnerable adults and children to health clinics, providing home-based care and family education in homes where people are living with HIV or AIDS, offering voluntary counselling and testing and medical assistance, providing HIV test kits and medicines for opportunistic infections, providing scholarships for medical training and promoting advocacy activities by local community groups that encourage local government leaders to prioritize access to quality health care.

7. National Association for Resource Improvement

Special, 1998

I. Introduction

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to improve the status of women, eliminate violence against women and train women in skills that they can adapt easily. To that end, it provides informal education to women and children, enables women's participation in tree planting and coastal clean-up activities and raises awareness about HIV/AIDS.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The association organized awareness programmes on coastal ecosystem and marine biodiversity protection. It attended meetings on climate change at United Nations Headquarters in 2008 and 2009, and participated in several NGO meetings. The organization arranged for the translation into Bengali and the wide distribution of chapter 24, "Global action for women towards sustainable and equitable development" of Agenda 21, which was adopted at the 1992 Earth Summit. The organization took part in coastal clean-up and HIV/AIDS and drug prevention activities and sought to empower women through skills training. In 2009 the association organized a meeting with Nobel Laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus for his guidance on how to empower women. The organization set up a successful handicraft centre and provided informal education to women and children.

8. Russian Peace Foundation

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

The Russian Peace Foundation provides assistance to the most vulnerable strata of society: orphans, disabled people and families of the war victims. The organization engages in large-scale peacekeeping and humanitarian activities through its network of branches in 57 regions of the Russian Federation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to: promote and strengthen peace, friendship and accord between national and ethnic groups in the country and between peoples of the world; develop humanism, charity and philanthropy; prevent ethnic, religious and other social conflicts; protect human rights and preserve the environment; and develop international cooperation including scientific, cultural and youth exchange programmes.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization disseminates information on United Nations activities through its publications and public events. The organization, in cooperation with various NGOs, organizes the celebration of international days, years, decades and other campaigns; and holds conferences, forums and seminars devoted to United Nations themes. In 2008 the organization held a round table entitled "On broadening connections and cooperation of Russian NGOs with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations" and a series of round tables marking the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Since 2008 the organization has been working in collaboration with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, including the organization of a Model United Nations.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization participated in: events connected with the holding of the International Forum (Civil G-8) in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation in 2006; all annual conferences of the Department of Public Information; all General Assemblies of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations; the Conferences of the International NGOs of the Council of Europe (2008 and 2009); the UNESCO open forum on "Human rights in the era of globalization: strengthening the partnership" (Paris, October 2008); and the Second Alliance of Civilizations Forum (Istanbul, Turkey, 2009).

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization attended the annual NGO conferences organized by the Department of Public Information and the annual sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, including the meetings of the Third Committee.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Reducing the level of poverty is among the crucial objectives of the organization. The organization renders assistance to elder persons, veterans, orphans and children from low-income families. Its total expenditure for the period 2006-2009 amounted to $3.5 million.

9. Women's Right to Education Programme

Special, 2006

I. Introduction

Women's Right to Education Programme, which began as the initiative of two individuals, is now an organization with internal organizational structures and linkages with governments and other partners.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to promote lifelong learning and promote transparency and accountability in the mobilization, allocation and utilization of resources, in order to achieve an acceptable standard of living for every Nigerian.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

The organization facilitated the participation of its staff and members at United Nations meetings such as the High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS (New York, 2008); annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 2007-2009); annual sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development (New York, 2006-2008); and the third session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Doha, 2009).

B. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Through UNICEF, the organization has worked with other NGOs on strategies for advocacy/sensitization for increased enrolment and retention of pupils in schools, and for successful completion rates. It also petitioned executives, legislators and policymakers about the need for gender equality in education, as well as on the political scene, including by allowing women to hold political appointments and giving women equal opportunity to seek elective posts.

10. World Student Christian Federation

Special, 1970

I. Introduction

The World Student Christian Federation is a global community of student Christian movements committed to dialogue, ecumenism, social justice and peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to empower students by providing a space for prayer and celebration, theological reflection, analysis of social and cultural processes and solidarity and action across boundaries of culture, gender and ethnicity.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in the Global Youth Campaign on Disarmament for Shared Security in San José, Costa Rica in November 2009. From 2006 to 2009, the organization also participated in meetings with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and in the meeting of the Joint Programmatic Commission on Youth of the UNESCO-NGO Liaison Committee. The organization observed the International Year of Reconciliation in 2009 and encouraged concerned parties to address the issue of violence against women in different communities around the world, with a focus on those communities impacted by war and conflict.

A. Participation in the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary entities

During the reporting period, the organization participated in the sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. The organization also attended the weekly United Nations briefings that were open to all NGO representatives and participated in the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York in 2009.

B. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization participated in meetings at UNESCO meetings in Paris, including the UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education in July 2009.

C. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1. The organization developed training for its youth leaders to work towards promoting sustainable development, poverty eradication and advocacy.

Goal 6. The organization developed training on developing and implementing plans and strategies for policy advocacy on HIV/AIDS, and lobbied the Government of Rwanda to increase its budget allocation to the health sector and to provide antiretroviral drugs.